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MULTI-SOURCE SURROUND AUDIO APPARATUS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

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5 [0001] The present invention relates to a multi-source surround audio apparatus for performing, in accordance with an instruction from a user, selective surround sound reproduction of audio signals which are inputted from a plurality of sound sources including a DVD.

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2. Description of the Background Art

[0002] In recent years, in the field of multi-source audio apparatuses which are capable of reproducing audio from a number of audio signal sources including DVDs, there has been a desire 15 for a multi-source surround audio apparatus such that, if an audio signal from a given audio signal source has been recorded so as to have a surround effect, the multi-source surround audio apparatus can properly reproduce a surround audio signal based on each such audio signal. Examples of audio signal sources 20 include: optical recording media (optical disks) such as DVDs, CDs, VCDs, and MDs; magnetic recording media on which MP3 data is recorded (note that MP3 data might also be recorded on an optical disk); FM/AM broadcast; and external optical or electric signal sources.

25 [0003] A multi-source surround audio apparatus must be capable